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PUBLIC NOTICE NO:
MVM-2003-370 (RDM)

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:
July 20, 2009

EXPIRATION DATE:
August 19, 2009

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AUTHORITY: This notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, pursuant to 33 CFR 322.3, as published in the Federal Register dated November 13, 1986.

APPLICANT: Randy McNeil
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LOCATION: The project is located southeast of Osceola in a chute off the Mississippi River (Osceola Harbor). It is located in Section 6, Township 12N, and Range 11E, in Mississippi County, Arkansas, at approximate latitude 35.68884° and longitude -89.95551°.

PURPOSE: To receive grain products via barges.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The project consists of constructing a floating work barge structure to be held via (2) guide piles (one @ either end of barge) with a down stream and upstream dolphin each 72" diameter with batter piles. The grain barges will be unloaded by an excavator on a work barge, which is fed into a hopper which will feed a belt conveyor up the river bank to a truck loading station.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat, are known to exist in the project area. This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any comments they may have regarding endangered or threatened wildlife or plants, or their critical habitat, will be considered in our evaluation of the described work.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Memphis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally-recognized Tribes, and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

FLOOD PLAIN: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW: The purpose of this public notice is to advise all interested parties of the activities for which a permit is sought and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact on the public interest.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics,

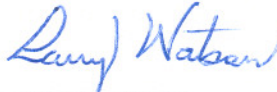
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aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for holding a public hearing. The District Engineer will determine if the issues raised are substantial and whether a hearing is needed for making a decision.

COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Send comments to the Corps of Engineers, Memphis District. Comments may be sent via mail or e-mail to the following: Damon McDermott at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 167 North Main Street, Room B-202, Memphis, Tennessee 38103-1894; e-mail: robert.d.mcdermott@usace.army.mil. Copies of all comments, including the names and address of commenters, may be provided to the applicant for consideration and response prior to a decision by the Corps. Comments should be received by August 19, 2009.



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Chief
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Attachments

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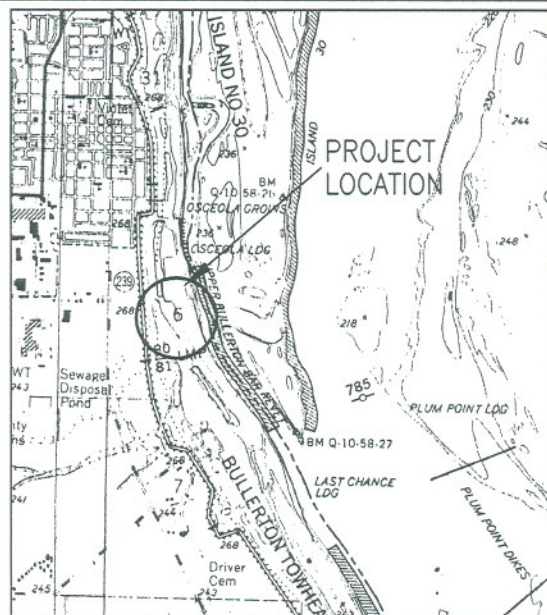
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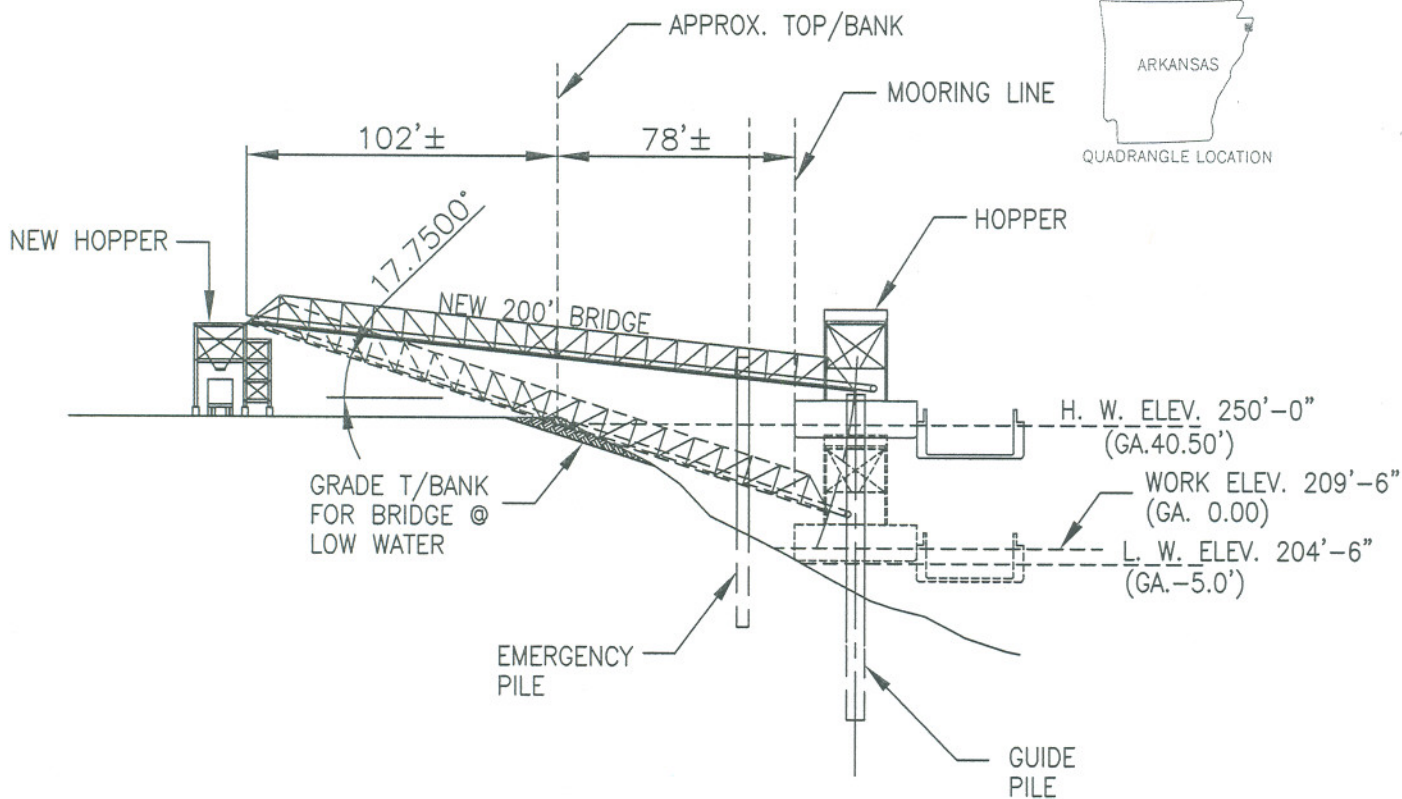
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PROPOSED BARGE RECEIVING SYSTEM

Island 30 Chute of Mississippi River at
City of Osceola
Mississippi County, Arkansas



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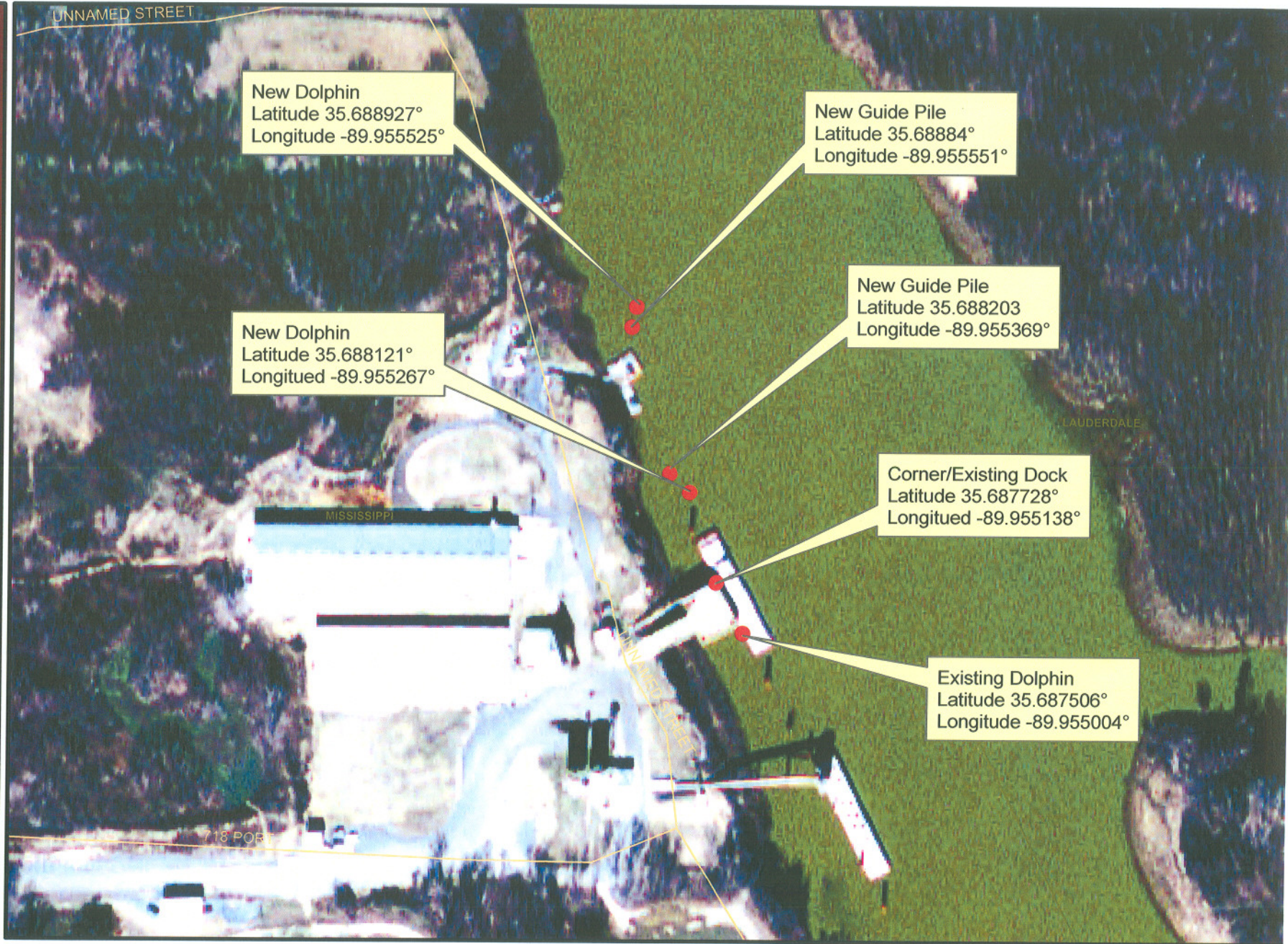


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